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Working at Both Ends.



It's a pretty good way to get any proposition moving to have something at each end.

Now in this case it can be that way easy enough. You're working at your end to try and get good lumber, or it may be Cement, Lime, Plaster, Paints, Oils and other building material and we're working at our end to supply you with the best there is in all these lines, and at the same time save you money.

Now let us get together about that next order—don't you think we'd better figure with you?

R. L. Eschenburg,
Shiner, Texas.

A HORRIBLE CRIME

The wife and babe of Joe Stefka were
Shot and killed at Their Home
Near Town.

FIVE SHOTS WERE FIRED.

Last Wednesday evening about 3 o'clock, Joe Stefka, who lives about four miles south of town, came in and reported that his wife and fifteen months old baby boy had been shot to death in their home. Deputy sheriff Burkett, Squire Tampke, Dr. J. D. Gray and several other at once repaired to the scene.

On entering the door the first object seen was the 15 months old baby, with its glassy eyes turned up and a fearful wound in its abdomen, from which the intestines protruded. A few feet away lay the body of its mother, with both breasts nearly shot away and partly burned and charred as, her dress had been set on fire by the powder. The same shots that tore away the woman's breasts also killed the baby, which she had evidently been holding on her arm when the murderous assault was committed.

There were evidences of a terrible struggle. The room was covered with blood and brains. Stefka's gun, which laid near the bodies with three empty shells on the floor and two in the gun, did the bloody work of the murderer. As the woman was not killed with those terrible wounds, the murderer, after a scuffle with the woman, who in trying to save her life had evidently caught hold of the gun, as shown by the bloody finger marks upon the barrel, but it was jerked away from her and the muzzle placed to her head and nearly the whole top of her head shot away, scattering blood and brains all over the ceiling and walls, making one of the most sickening sights to behold. The weapon used was a double barrel shot gun, the property of Stefka, and five shots were fired, as there were three empty bloody shells on the floor and two empty shells in the gun, which were inserted with bloody fingers, as the bloody finger marks thereon show.

This is the most terrible tragedy ever enacted in the neighborhood of Shiner, and almost in the county. Joe Stefka, the husband, and a brother-in-law of his, Joe Mott, have both been placed under arrest, and were both carried to

Hallettsville last Thursday for safe keeping, pending their examining trial, which will take place Monday here at Shiner.

Stefka denies any knowledge as to who did the killing. He claims that he was in the field at work during the morning, and returned to his horse lot about 10 o'clock to shuck some corn for his horses, from there he went to the house and discovered the dead body of his wife and child. He states that he heard no guns fired nor any disturbance whatever. The officers discovered blood spots on Stefka's clothes and boots, but he claims that this came from killing a hog the day previous.

The theory advanced by Stefka and his friends is that it was a case of suicide.

The officers have been diligent in working up the case. Sheriff Nobles and County Attorney Bagley came over last Thursday and made a thorough investigation of the case. Sheriff Noble was also in town last Friday and Saturday looking up evidence.

Legal Blanks.

The following blanks are kept in stock and are for sale at the Gazette office:

Affidavit to an account.
Affidavit to any fact.
Bill of Sale.
Bill of Sale—Cattle.
Bond for Title.
Chattel Mortgage.
Crop Mortgage.
Deed of Trust.
Deed, Warranty (all cash.)
Deed, Warranty, Vendor's Lien.
Deed, Quit Claim.
Power of Attorney.
Promissory Note, 10 per cent, attorney's clause.
Promissory Note, Vendor's Lien.
Release of Deed of Trust.
Release of Vendor's Lien.
Transfer of Vendor's Lien.
Rent Contract.

For choice groceries at lowest prices go to E. C. Merseburger.

South Texas Teachers' Fraternal Association Objects.

I. To raise the standard of educational forces.
II. Betterment of the conditions of the Texas Public School Teachers.

III. Improvement of the conditions and efficiency of the public school in general.

MEANS.

I. (a) Who may be members. Teachers, students and other friends of public education.

(b) Regular meetings and frequent associations which bring in close touch, not only teachers, but also those who are more or less identified with our public schools.

(c) To co-operate with county superintendents in laying before the public the true status of the public schools, and to enlist the co-operation of the press.

II. (a) To foster a fraternal and professional spirit among teachers—a spirit that by united force only will raise our financial, social and political standing.

(b) By a wise distribution of benevolence to worthy and deserving teachers of this organization by rendering comfort and financial help on the Home Circle plan.

(c) The enlightenment of the public in general on the object of this organization.

III. To extend our strongest protection to worthy and efficient teachers of this organization in all their efforts to raise the standard of school work, and to improve the professional practice among teachers, such as underbidding, speaking disparagingly of one another, etc. etc., and to induce school trustees to recognize merit among teachers.

Advertising Facts.

In estimating the value of a newspaper as an advertising medium one of the most important factors is its popularity.

The amount of local advertising in a newspaper is an infallible index to its popularity and an indication of the value placed upon it by home institutions.

The SHINER GAZETTE is patronized by nearly every business house in Shiner and has received their patronage for many years.

It pays others to advertise in the GAZETTE, and why will it not pay you? Try it at first in broken doses, if in doubt, for your business health. THE GAZETTE, Shiner, Texas.

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We furnish you 1000 linen letter heads, nicely printed and padded, for \$5.00.

Will you look at samples?
SHINER GAZETTE.

Farmers living on rural free delivery routes who would like to have envelopes with their name and address and number of the route printed thereon can get same at the GAZETTE office for 50 cents a hundred, or \$1 for 250.

A full line of Valentines and Masks on display at E. C. Merseburger's. Call around and make your selection.

Shiner's Furniture Store

G. W. Eschenburg is now fully installed in his new store house on Front street. He has just received and stored another

Carload of Up-to-date Furniture

And is prepared to meet all your wants in his line.

All Visitors to Shiner are Invited to Inspect My Stock.

I have China Closets, Couches, Lounges, Baby Buggies, Rockers, etc. For children, I have Rocking Horses, Hobby Horses, Bicycles, Wheelbarrows, Doll Carriages, etc.

A Full Line of Coffins and Undertaker's Goods.

G. W. ESCHENBURG

The Shiner Furniture Man.

Dr. LeGears Stock

And Poultry Powder

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Shiner, Texas.

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